

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20(Canceled).

Claim 21(Currently). A barrier implement for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods for a water irrigation head used in an outside watering device, comprising:

a flexible sheet of material adjacent to the water irrigation head, the sheet including an opening for allowing the water irrigation head to protrude therethrough; and
arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel to the water spray head;
a stake and hose assembly for supporting the sheet above a ground surface so that the sheet is located between the water irrigation head and the ground surface;
a threaded portion on the support member beneath the water irrigation head; and
a nut for screwing about the threaded portion, wherein the nut holds the sheet in position.

Claim 22(Previously Presented). The barrier implement of claim 21, wherein the water irrigation head includes:

a microjet.

Claims 23-25(Canceled). The barrier implement of claim 21, wherein the flexible sheet includes: an opening through the sheet for allowing the water irrigation head to protrude therethrough.

Claim 26(Previously Presented). The barrier implement of claim 21, wherein the arthropod deterring component includes: an arthropod deterring agent embodied in the sheet.

Claim 27(Previously Presented). The barrier implement of claim 26, wherein the arthropod deterring agent includes: a pesticide.

Claim 28(Canceled).

Claim 29(Currently Amended). A method of deterring crawling arthropods from reaching a water irrigation head, comprising the steps of:

positioning a sheet adjacent to the water irrigation head, the positioning step including the step of holding the sheet to a support member with a nut on a threaded shaft, so that the sheet is between the water irrigation head and the support member;

applying an arthropod deterring component to the sheet; and

preventing the crawling arthropods from reaching the water irrigation head by the sheet with the arthropod deterring component.

Claim 30(Previously Presented). The method of claim 29, wherein the positioning step includes:

protruding the water irrigation head through an opening in the sheet.

Claim 31(Previously Presented). The method of claim 29, wherein the applying step includes:

embodying an arthropod deterring agent to the sheet.

Claim 32(Previously Presented). The method of claim 31, wherein the embodying step includes:

applying a pesticide to the sheet.

Claim 33(Currently Amended). The method of claim ~~28~~ 21, wherein the positioning step includes:

positioning the sheet between the water irrigation head and a ground surface.

Claim 34(Previously Presented). The method of claim 33, further comprising:

supporting the sheet above the ground surface.

Claim 35(Canceled).

Claim 36(Currently Amended). An arthropod deterring assembly for water irrigation heads, comprising in combination:

a water irrigation head raised above a ground surface;
a sheet between the head the ground surface; and
an arthropod deterring material associated with the sheet for deterring crawling
arthropods from reaching the water irrigation head; and
a threaded shaft with nut for holding the sheet above the ground surface.

Claim 37(Previously Presented). The assembly of claim 36, wherein the sheet includes:

a gasket shape having a through-hole for allowing the water irrigation head to
protrude therethrough.

Claim 38(Previously Presented). The assembly of claim 36, wherein the arthropod
deterring material includes: a pesticide.

Claim 39(Canceled).